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Introduction from the Editor



I'm writing to you from deep underground in the Banzai Institute West also known as Complex 88, built from an abandoned Titan II missile silo over an hour drive from Phoenix Arizona. For Institute security reasons I can't give the readers a more specific location, just don't try to find the place on your own without prior arrangements, that's all I can say.

I've been holed up here for many weeks doing research, pounding out text, exchanging emails and secure phone calls while working on this newsletter. This editorial is the last piece to finish and then I can burn the newsletter onto a disc and

come up for some air, head for the airport and hitch a ride west to Oregon where I call home. I've missed BBI Abacus and the "furkids" Rokit, Madeline and Katie Bug, but the sacrifice was necessary in order to accomplish this project.

This is my 5th World Watch One newsletter spanning nearly 20 years. The first three were in response to what I considered an urgent need that wasn't being filled when the original Founding Directors of the fan club were forced to abandon the project because of World Crime League threats and interference. BBI Abacus and I did three issues starting in the Fall of '87 to the Spring of '90 and then took a break after gaining the unwelcome attention of Xan's associates who kept us under surveillance for a long time, making life to say the least, complicated and dangerous. It wasn't until the 20th Anniversary of the docudrama that BBI Big Shoulders stepped forward and I agreed to work on another issue.

Times have sure changed. With the increase of membership to Team Banzai, sophisticated technological and tactical breakthroughs thanks to the scientists and scholars at the Banzai Institute, we can now have two newsletters covering a broad range of topics and interests while maintaining a certain degree of safety and security. Don't get me wrong, BBI Abacus and I still watch each other's and our own backs. Only a fool forgets, or ignores the realities of this world and the bad guys are just as active now, if not more so, than they ever were.

The World Watch One Underground Spring of 2006 Issue is a collection of various "short subjects" so to speak. Our central piece is an interview with Director and Screen Writer W.D. Richter who is most notable to those reading this newsletter for his work back in '83-'84 on the docudrama *The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across The 8th Dimension* but has a long list of accomplishments that can not be ignored. The innovation I've implemented into this issue is that the experience doesn't have to end when the newsletter has been read from cover to cover. You can continue to explore some of the topics through the internet where URLs are offered. In addition, I've created a World Watch One Underground Newsletter website where the experience continues with related topics from this publication as well as new ones, periodic updates and a look at what's going on at the Banzai Institute West, somewhere in Arizona.

This experience, working on this issue, has had its ups and downs as might be expected. It's been a substantial personal sacrifice and learning experience, a source of frustration, stress, excitement and creativity, the details I shall leave for my memoirs. Sometimes a door must be shut in order for another to be opened. I have walked through that door to greet you with a new sense of accomplishment and pride. This newsletter is the result of my journey, growth and inspiration. Thanks for being there to walk it with me.

Always True Blue, BBI Dragon

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www.geocities.com/bbidragon/worldwatchone

Everybody Has Something To Offer by BBI Abacus & Dragon

"Be of service. Whether you make yourself available to a friend or co-worker, or you make time every month to do volunteer work, there is nothing that harvests more of a feeling of empowerment than being of service to someone in need."

Gillian Anderson 1968 – present. Actress best known for her roll as FBI Agent Dana Scully in the American TV series "The X-Files."

Our volunteer work with dogs is not only rewarding, fulfilling, empowering but educational and life changing. We are the Oregon and SW Washington reps for American Fox Terrier Rescue. This means we take in Fox Terriers that for one reason or other need new homes. Some come from shelters but most come from families where they just aren't working out. We take these dogs in, see to any medical needs, do some training and help with any behavioral issues they might have and then find more appropriate homes.

At first, we thought we were just helping dogs, but as it turns out that is only part of the equation because we not only help people out of a situation when we take their dog, but we give a new family member and companion to a home. While helping the Fox Terriers we are helping humans in the process. We got into Fox Terrier Rescue because of a need to help, to learn and to challenge ourselves, all Team Banzai qualities.

About six years ago, we were just like most people; we'd had pets, from fish to cats and dogs. We had no special skills, training or knowledge except for the experiences we shared with our companion animals. After the passing of our second Wire Fox Terrier named Buckaroo, we visited the local shelter looking for another terrier. We found a Jack Russell, named him Rokit after the Jet Car's license plate and started filling that hole in our lives. Well, we soon discovered that this dog wasn't like most; he was very aggressive towards us and other animals. Having made a commitment to Rokit we sought the help of others who said, "Can I help you with that" and taught us what to do with the unwelcome behavior. In this process of education, trial & error and experience, one of the classes we took was in TTouch being offered at our local Human Society. Across the room was a woman about our age with a Wire Fox Terrier. We introduced ourselves and found out she was the local rescue person for the breed. Over lunch the second day of class, we said "Can we help with the rescue?" The next two and a half years we apprenticed under her and when life got too crazy and she had to step down, we stepped up.

Along the way we've met some dedicated and wonderful people. Fellow rescue people for other animals, professionals in the animal care field and others who have a love for dogs. We explain what we do by calling it a rather involved "hobby" but others who do rescue explain it differently and we concede that it really is more of a "life style." We help around 7-9 dogs a year get healthy, physically and mentally, and find new homes. Our volunteer work can be as simple as updating our website, answering emails and making a few phone calls, to road trips to visit with potential applicants for the dogs, to taking them to the Vet and training them. As it so happens too, we now help others with behavioral and health problems with their dogs just like those generous people who first helped us with our new dog.

Everyone reading this newsletter isn't going to want to do a dog rescue, or even work with animals. As the quote that we've used to open this with, volunteering can be as easy and simple as helping a friend or co-worker when they are in need, it doesn't have to be as involved as changing your life style to fit your chosen area to help others.

The rewards for volunteering are numerous and sometimes unexpected. You make new friends and associates, you learn new skills, you better yourself and your community. As for finding the time in this busy world most of us live in, that too can be as little as an hour or two every once in a while, to something more involved. How to start? Be available to a friend or coworker. What do you know a little about or have a strong interest in? It starts by being willing to say, "Can I help you with that?"

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BUCKAROO BANZAI ADVENTURE #12 "The Jaguar Shark" A Movie Review By Steve "Rainbow Kitty" Mattsson stmattsson@aol.com

Imagine if we got a new Buckaroo Banzai movie every couple of years since '84. There was Adventure #2 "Against the World Crime League", then "The Strange Case of Mr. Cigars", later "The Shadow Creatures of the Lursia Archipelago", "Supersize Those Fries", and so on. Last year we got the latest installment in the series, Adventure #12 "The Jaguar Shark". Twelve movies in ten years would put BB somewhere between *Friday the 13th* and *James Bond* among the most successful film franchises of all time.

Now, imagine that Buckaroo and the rest of Team Banzai (except for New Jersey) had hit their personal and professional peaks by 1990. Team Banzai rode tall in the saddle back then and even after a long slow decline over the last decade they'd still be a fascinating bunch of hombres.

What would a movie about Team Banzai twenty years after their adventure across the 8th dimension be like? This you don't have to imagine, you can rent *The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou* on DVD. I've heard this film called both a homage and a rip-off of the Buckaroo Banzai docudrama. I say it's a sequel.

Now, I don't think it's fair getting Adventure #12 before we got to see any other movies set during the salad days of Team Banzai, but that doesn't make "The Jaguar Shark" any less a part of the series. If we really had twelve BB movies by now they sure wouldn't still be directed by W.D. Richter and written by Earl Mac Rauch. Even the *Friday the 13th* series got stale and needed a new direction from time to time. So, why not have the latest BB movie deconstructed by one of Hollywood's current young guns like Wes Anderson?

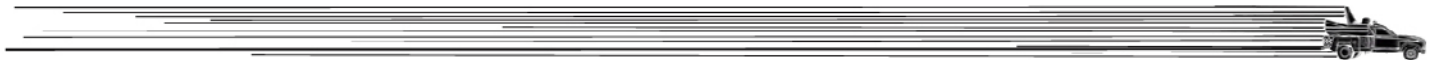
Also, could you imagine the fame the "real world" Buckaroo would have achieved after twelve movies? By now it would be impossible for the man to use the urinal, let alone save the world! No secret has been made of the fact the original '84 docudrama played fast and loose with many facts to protect the privacy of the real Team Banzai. As the years go by the movies would make greater and greater efforts to cloud the actual identities of the participants to the point where Team Banzai might be called "Team Zissou" and New Jersey would answer to the handle "Hennessey".

Steve Zissou is an aging renaissance man who has retained the skills needed to single-handedly rescue his crew from savage pirates and still be able to say, "I haven't been at my best for the last decade." And no wonder it's been a bad decade for Zissou, in 2004 his Team is still using the mid-'80s tech we saw in the first BB film. Obviously New Jersey's time with Team Banzai gave him the confidence he needed to build an organization that surpasses Buckaroo's own by the time of the events depicted in *The Life Aquatic*. The Bellefonte, the research vessel from *The Life Aquatic*, is based on Cousteau's Calypso. Members of Team Banzai were sailing on the actual Calypso during the time of the BB novel. And without a doubt, the Lightning Strike Rescue Op on Little Ping Island from *The Life Aquatic* would not have been out of place in any Buckaroo Banzai adventure.

The outer ring of supporters for Buckaroo Banzai is the Blue Blaze Irregulars. The outer ring for Steve Zissou is the Blue Star Cadets. Both groups have Official Pinball Machines based on their adventures. Team Banzai had a fully equipped recording studio adjacent to their laboratories, showing their commitment to both the arts and the sciences. Team Zissou had a fully equipped film studio next to their lab. Both Buckaroo and Steve have a history of trouble with women and both have the letter "Z" in their last name. Except for the nudity, the no-nonsense Anne-Marie Sakowitz played the same role for Team Zissou as the no-nonsense Mrs. Johnson played for Team Banzai. Except for the Lederhosen, Werner played the same role as Scooter and except for his three-legs, Cody the dog played the same role as the watermelon.

Like it or not, *The Life Aquatic* is a valid Adventure #12 for Team Banzai. Now, if we could just get to experience a few of Adventures #2 through #11...

Editors note: The opinions expressed in this article are not those of the editor or The Banzai Institute. They are presented in this newsletter as a source of discussion.



Dr. Lawrence Krauss, noted physicist and author was interviewed on the Coast-to-Coast-AM radio show. During the discussion he mentioned that he was a fan of the film "The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across the 8th Dimension." This editor asked him for a brief reply of his thoughts on the film and its handling of dimensional travel.

"I have to admit that my enjoyment of the film lay less in anything that had to do with dimensional travel, as much as it had to do with the offbeat handling of the characters. I love a physicist who is also a rock star, for example. The notion of aliens hitching a ride and leaking in from other dimensions actually has a long history in science fiction, but what I liked about the film is that it didn't take itself too seriously, and had fun with the notion."

Dr. Krauss' new book, *Hiding In The Mirror: The Mysterious Allure of Extra Dimensions, from Plato to String Theory and Beyond* is available at Amazon.com and your finer local book stores.

Editor's note: From the looks of it, this author will be a great read for any member of Team Banzai wanting to gain knowledge about physics. The reviews on his books state that Dr. Krauss makes complicated ideas understandable to the non-scientists.

Kevin Maney - USA Today's technology columnist, musician, author and speaker

"I'm not entirely sure why Buckaroo Banzai appeals to me so much. I saw it in the theaters when it first came out and laughed like crazy. The sheer zaniness. The non-sequiturs. The over-acting (Lithgow). The under-acting (Weller). It was like Monty Python, but with irony."

Mr. Maney went on to add, "Funny thing is, since writing that column (USA Today 01/03/06, URL below) a number of tech industry friends -- we're talking CEOs here -- with whom the subject of Banzai had never before come up, shot me e-mails sharing their enthusiasm for the movie, complete with favorite Banzai quotes. So it seems that there is a hidden fan base at the top levels of the tech world."

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www.usatoday.com/tech/columnist/kevinmaney/2006-01-03-on-demand_x.htm

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What's New with Pepe Serna By Alan "BBI Dragon" Smith

Pepe Serna, best known to the readers of this newsletter as the beloved Reno was kind enough to take the time to grant a brief interview. When I asked what he was up to these days he first told me that he was rehearsing for his newest project.



Pepe Serna in head-dress

"I was rehearsing a play we performed at the Cathedral in downtown Los Angeles, *The Virgin De Guadalupe**.

As to what else had been keeping him busy;

"I went to Sofia Bulgaria twice this year to work with Brian DePalma in *The Black Dahlia***. I also did another independent film called Big Dreams in Little Tokyo and I have been performing my One Man Show and doing motivational speaking.

Pepe was also featured in the Orange County Register on Saturday August 17, 2005 in the Home & Garden section's front page. The two page write-up was titled *"Deep Blue See – A Balboa Island couple's vividly painted house reflects their bright outlook on life."*

Pepe's website is: www.PepeSerna.com

*From LatinHeat Online: Latino Theater Company in association with Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral. The play re-tells the story of the apparition of the Virgin Mary to the Indian peasant Juan Diego in the hills of Tepeyac Mexico.

**From IMDp website: An adaptation of James Ellroy's 1940s-set novel about two L.A. cops who head up the hunt for the killer of fledgling actress Elizabeth Short.

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Pinky Carruthers Unknown Facts - NEW:

During the renovation of Complex 88, Perfect Tommy selected **THREE** Cabbage Rose design wallpapers for the Banzai Institute West. It all vanished in the night, only thirty-six hours after the wallpapers were pasted up. No one had a clue who or what might have been involved, but Mrs. Johnson did note a bill for the rental of two steamers that showed up on the Institute VISA statement in the same time frame. Samples of these wallpapers are at the WW1 Underground website.

BBI Alert

Submitted by BBI Superfloy #177

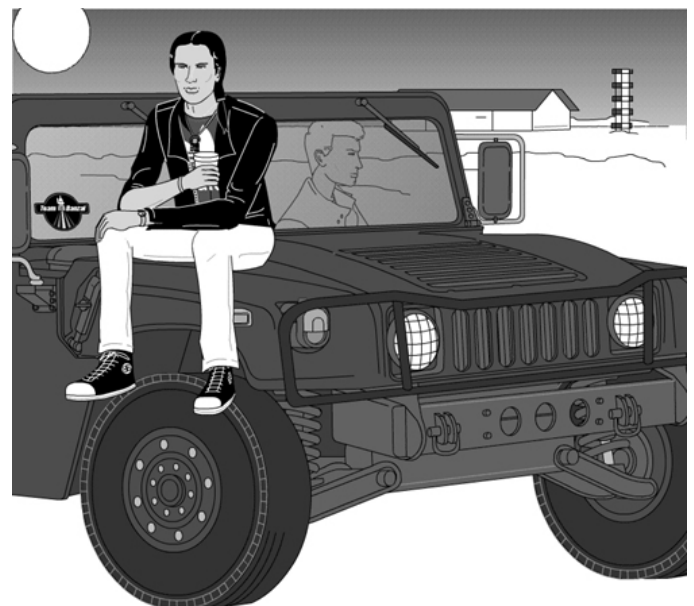


Surveillance photo

Several BBIs working for a repossession company "Farbin's Auto Recovery" that specializes in corporate accounts, to practice and improve their skills legally, had a surprise encounter with a very suspicious vehicle. The car was not part of the repossessions but it does warrant concern and additional surveillance as there might be a Red Lectroid nest or cell operating in the San Francisco California area.

Pinky Carruthers Unknown Facts – NEW:

Perfect Tommy made a killing in high tech stocks before the bubble popped. With some of the money he bought Mr. Wizard's personal papers from his estate and donated them to the Institute Library. A young BBI researcher stumbled upon Mr. Wizard's own thoughts on Overthrust physics, and a clue to a better device was found. Several false starts later the Institute had a side-effect free version of the Overthrust, but BB decreed that it be tested for ten years only on Institute-to-Institute (East to West and vice versa) travels. There were still a few problems at last report.



BBI Slow Motion & Perfect Tommy
By BBI Fiero

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NOT SIDEKICKS: HEROES By Richard "Mickey Maus" Gregg

A sidekick in westerns or action novels and movies is either the comic relief or helpless without the hero. If we considered Buckaroo Banzai a true hero, then everyone who works for him should be as well. Dr. Banzai, who in many cultures, considered less than human, to a racist, a bane of existence. He is a half-breed, an orphan, and dreamer. Yet it is his dream that brings all to seek him. Each member of the Institute, Hong Kong Cavaliers, and the Blue Blazers each are heroes in their own right. Each one shares the traits: strength, courage, honor and compassion.

If we look at only four of the better-known members of the Hong Kong Cavaliers namely Perfect Tommy, Rawhide, New Jersey, and Reno, we see these traits in full force as well as their brave souls. Although, they come from different lifestyles, these men swear allegiance to thought and philosophy of this great man known to the world as Dr. Buckaroo Banzai. As shown in the docudrama and novel.

Like Dumas's King Louis XIII, friendship and honor from his musketeers. Like Robin of Sherwood Forest, a sense of decency and justice. Moreover, like King Arthur, fairness and unification towards peace. If we take the literary leaders we can compare our famous four to those who swear their lives to protect, stand with, and befriend their allies. Despite the foibles and imperfections of themselves as well as their leaders, they believe in him. Justly, so their leader believes in them.

For example: Prefect Tommy. To know him is to love him (he will be the first to tell you this). His vanity and confidence makes him a true flim-flam man. The bravery of strength, courage and honor he possesses is comparable to King Arthur's Lancelot du Luc, a brave knight who was undefeatable, prim, and always properly dressed. And like du Luc, Buckaroo had Perfect Tommy lead the first strike team into Yoyodyne taking on the leadership roll and responsibility. Tommy may be a more (or not) skilled fighter/mechanical engineer than Buckaroo but humbly works for the good doctor. He designed and built the suspension system for the HB-88 Jet Car. With Portos (of Dumas's book), he is able to tell the tallest of tales, convincing you that it is the solemn truth but able to defend himself if you do not accept the story. As with his testimony with congress attends to by bluffing the Russians into believing that we are building more bombs may have caused the fall of Communism. Also seeing into Will Scarlett, the women man, who never can disregard a pretty face? After, Buckaroo broke the 8th dimension; Perfect Tommy picks up a female reporter and takes her with him backstage at Arty's Artery. Women love Tommy, well because he is prefect.

Next up is Rawhide, a man who Buckaroo looks to as a big brother; he has known Buckaroo for the long as Arthur's own Sir Kay, who grew up as brothers. These two have traveled everywhere together. Rawhide has been with the good physician since the dream began as well as competed in Rodeo circuit and minor league baseball. Dumas's Aramis represents the heart and soul of the Musketeers. One thing described in the book was that gruff Rawhide was teaching the meek Big Norse how to play the piano with gentleness and patience. He neither is a judge nor condemns those who come to seek his advice. Hood's friend Little John bears the traits of Rawhide as well. Both men are born leaders but follow a greater man upon a mighty quest. We lose Rawhide when his love for his soul brother causes him to take the poisonous barb shot from Bigbootè intended to kill Banzai. His final words to the troops were, "What're y'all lookin' at? We're on the clock, saddle up, huh?"

With Sidney, aka New Jersey, a Harvard Medical grad in Neurology, you have a man who dreams of greatness, like D'Artagnan, he is willing to prove himself to the others. He stands up to Reno who mocks him about his outfit only by saying, "You making fun of me?" Like Galahad from the Knights of the Round Table, he is humble, brave and true. His preparedness and volunteering spirit, makes the

assault of Yoyodyne easier which brings him respect from the rest of the HKC and the Blue Blazers. There is furthermore a bit of Friar Tuck in him, he who sees the good in men despite the darkness in the world. He is the innocence and the forgiveness in the group. After the assault he muses that it's too easy to take a life and that saving one is a lot tougher, but he knows that sometimes it must be done.

Finally, Reno the author for the group, a man who ran his own "Think Tank" before joining the group, combines both the Knight Tristan and Athos of the Musketeers that pine away on unrequited love that can never come true. His own love Pecos pledged after a previous suicide mission, in which they both survived, swore their love for one another. Tristan whose woman is married to another man and Athos whose one true love turns out to be Lady De Winter the evil woman whose serves Cardinal Richelieu. Reno's love, Pecos puts her work before her love for Reno. Despite that, Reno gets wounded at the press conference by pulling his own gun to draw the fire from Bigbootè. He heads the second team into the Lectroid compound showing leadership and dependability to his fellow men. Alan-A-Dale from Robin Hood comes to mind, not only recognized as the balladeer for the group known as The Merry Men, but as the man of good words and deeds. Those of the group trust Reno to write the truth and (according to Perfect Tommy) make them look good. He writes not for the glory but for the honor of telling the stories.

Consider these men of the HKC, as well as everyone who fights for the good surgeon and gunman. To the general world they are but sidekicks on the team. The man who leads them deems all who follow him as equals. With that in mind, these men are not "sidekicks" but heroes.

Pinky Carruthers Unknown Fact #8,402
Buckaroo's fave place – "Anywhere that doesn't exist."
Unknown Fact # 8,511:
Perfect Tommy's pet peeve – "How many can I list?"

Spirit and Opportunity Explore the Planet Mars Some amazing images are available

If you have not taken a look at the incredible images from the two Mars rovers you are missing out on an important piece of history. The images are so clear it's as if they were being photographed in your back yard (if you live in a barren desert). Take a look: <http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/home/index.html>

Volunteers needed to search for Stardust

Members of the Banzai Institute have banded together to join the scientific search for extraterrestrial life by participating in the SETI@home project. As of March of '06, a new mission awaits members of Team Banzai; Operation Stardust.

NASA's Stardust spacecraft was launched on Feb. 7th of 1999 with the mission to capture comet material and interstellar dust and return to Earth. Because of the enormous amount of material that needs to be looked over and verified to find these very tiny particles, volunteers are needed to help. After a web-based training session, passing participants will be able to register then download a virtual microscope (VM) for use in the project.

For more details and to register: <http://stardustathome.ssl.berkeley.edu/>

NASA's site on the Stardust Mission:
<http://stardust.jpl.nasa.gov/home/index.html>

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A look into a typical week at the Banzai Institute West in the spring of 2006.

General Activities:

Buckaroo Banzai's Radio Ranch: For your local broadcasts of the weekly radio show check the listing below. Rebroadcasts of Buckaroo's radio address are on Tuesdays and Saturdays at high noon here in the Center Pod, Mrs. Johnson's kitchen & Mess Hall.

Tea ceremony next to the Koi pond in The Atrium (weekdays, at 15:45, all invited)

Griffith Observatory exhibit of digital imagery showing current weather pictures of the earth and comparison with cloud patterns on Venus and Mars. On display in the Museum and Trophy room, now until the end of next month.

Monday:

Reno speaks on "Mexican Fiestas and Holidays, their History and Modern Celebration," Hospitality suite (ask Mrs. Johnson for times).

13:00, Mrs. Johnson will be accepting paperwork from those who haven't opened their Institute sponsored 403(b) accounts yet. A prospectus for The Perfect Tommy Family of Funds will also be available at that time.

20:00, Coach & Willie's on 3rd St, Phoenix, Eddie Enrico and the Hong Kong Hotshots (a Hong Kong Cavaliers tribute band) will open for Lettuce Prey (an Adder Ska band playing authentic Black Lectroid instruments). Paramedics will be standing-by.

Tuesday:

11:00, Dr Al-Shahristani atomic scientist and Iraqi refugee will be in Arizona for a round table discussion on "Undermining America In A Time Of War," joined by retired General Tommy Franks, Dr. Ray Tanter, author of "Terrorism and Proliferation" and our own Dr. Buckaroo Banzai. This debate is taking place at Luke Air Force Base, Munds Park Arizona, broadcast live by Satellite Radio.

19:00, Jill Miller, a San Francisco-based artist will present the results from her "Waiting For Bigfoot" all solar energy campout from the summer of 2005 in the Museum and Trophy room. The presentation and talk will include a slideshow, video and artifacts collected and used during the campout. This is part of the Cryptozoology series presented at the Institute all spring and summer. All are welcome, a donation of 3 cans of food for charity is requested and will be collected at the door.

Wednesday:

9:00 – 12:00, Dr. David Lescheid will introduce participants to the philosophy and practice of Naturopathic Medicine in a 3 day lecture series entitled " More than Just Botanicals", through Friday, Med Plex Silo #1 level 3.

12:00 Noon, Charity Hotdog Roasting Party. All money collected will be donated to the Red Cross. The Atrium; Skylights will be open weather permitting. There will be a hotdog eating contest as well. Perfect Tommy is disqualified from the competition because of his undue advantage.

15:00 – 18:00, Dog and Cat First Aid and CPR Class, BBI Dragon, Museum and Trophy room.

Thursday:

9:00 – 12:00, Dr. David Lescheid second day of Naturopathic Medicine series "More than Just Botanicals", Med Plex Silo #1 level 3.

11:00 – 12:15, Dr. Banzai's weekly Radio Ranch broadcast from World Watch 2, East Pod, level 3. To be discussed: his upcoming paper for the New England Journal of Medicine "Navaho Medicine Men: The Night Chant, A Nine-day Ceremony and the Power of Beauty to Transform the Sick into the Healthy." (call Mrs. Johnson for advance text) Also, the final chapter in the radio drama "The Slayers of Arrogance." Next week begins a new drama titled, "Order of the Windowwashers."

12:30, Haiku poetry readings and joke telling, The Bunkhouse

14:00, Continuing exploration and cleanup of the "unclaimed real estate" to the East of Complex 88. Meet at the upper tunnel past the Museum and Trophy room level 1. Wear "working clothes" and bring heavy gloves, everything else will be there for you. (volunteers needed, talk to Mrs. Johnson).

18:30/19:30, Hospitality suite East Pod, Level 1. Theodore Gray, 2002 winner of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry, is scheduled to speak. His interactive periodic table will be on display, followed by the 19:30 lecture "Building for the Elements." Reception to follow.

Friday:

9:00 – 12:00, Dr. David Lescheid last day of Naturopathic Medicine series "More than Just Botanicals", Med Plex Silo #1 level 3.

15:00, Reading from "Full Moon" by Seymour Buns, Hospitality suite.

21:00, Mel Brooks retrospective film festival continues with this week's title: "Robin Hood - Men in Tights." Popcorn and soda provided, no talking please, turn of cell and GoPhones, in The Atrium.

Saturday:

7:00 – 17:00, Free medical care clinic at the André House located in downtown Phoenix. (volunteers needed, call Mrs. Johnson)

18:00 Mrs. Johnson will be cooking the evening meal from the Gravity's Rainbow Cookbook featuring the Frying of Latke 49. It'll be V-licious! After the meal, in the Museum & Trophy room, East pod Level 2, the two episodes of The Simpsons featuring the author Thomas Pynchon will be screened in the theater. Karakoumiss will be served to all except Reno and he knows why.

Any time, miscellaneous maintenance to buildings and grounds. (volunteers welcome, contact Mrs. Johnson)

Sunday:

10:30 – Noon, Non-denominational religious service in The Atrium.

14:00, Weekly communal laundry pick up. Mrs. Johnson reminds everyone to sort your whites from colored items.

16:00 to dusk, Target Practice and Marksmanship evaluation (firing range north of the complex)

Any time, miscellaneous maintenance to buildings and grounds. (volunteers welcome, contact Mrs. Johnson)

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Would whoever posted the "Do not look into laser with remaining good eye." sign on the light-wave lab door please remove it before the next scheduled building tour? Thank you. -- Reno

Wanted:

The experimental seeds for the current study on hybrid watermelons. Return them to the Bio Lab and whatever you do, don't let them get wet!

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

Hardrock's BBI codename has been changed to Rainbow Kitty. While working as a paramedic at the county drunk tank, Hardrock was attempting to treat an agitated client who would only say, "My name on the street is The Iceman!" to which Hardrock spontaneously replied, "Yeah? My name on the street is The Rainbow Kitty!" The staff and even the client began to laugh, de-escalating a potentially dangerous situation. Now the moniker has stuck like a rhubarb seed to a saddle blanket. Hardrock has accepted the name change, and a buncha rainbow kitty plush toys now cluttering in his office, with quiet resignation.

Polymer physicists are into chains.

Whoever used the top of my Red Sonja costume to armor plate the Vauxhal Wyvern is going to die! Big Norse

Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) participants new and old are reminded to download the Banzai Institute's patch to their security software named "Doomsday" to protect their personal PCs from the risk of interstellar computer viruses.

John Deere is a Lectroid. Beware!



2000 Acura Integra – very clean, less than 30k miles, engine/trans/rear-end/interior/tires all good. am/fm/cd \$3,000 obo, Only rolled once. Contact BBI Gearshift in the garage

The Legal Department wishes to remind those who plan to hang any type of holiday or seasonal decorations from the ceilings that gravity exists. Please plan your hanging locations and/or safety measures accordingly. Failure to follow the guidelines will result in the revocation of decorating privileges. Also, non-traditional decor items must be approved, as certain clothing items will not be tolerated again. This means you, Perfect Tommy! – Apache

Lady Gillette involved in close shave. She Nairly avoids a hairy situation. The Big Bad Wolf has no comment. I've said too much.

The Calypso's next voyage will be to study the Eels of the Antibes. Any Institute member who wishes to join the mission should contact the Seminole Kid.

Found a couple o' shelf worn copies of the "Extradition from Hell" first edition autographed by La Negrette. Anyone 'round here want 'em or should I put 'em up for auction on bbBay? Reno

Legal forms are required on all Team Banzai operations. Fill them out BEFORE you go please.

Getting around at The Banzai Institute West - Complex 88 - Arizona USA

Far Eastern end: Unclaimed real estate tunnels
(being explored & mapped on Thursdays 14:00)

East Module

Entrance Portal 1
Hospitality suite (Level 1)
Museum and Trophy room (Level 1)
World Watch 2 (Level 2)

Silo #1

The Atrium (skylight, music, hanging plants, Koi pond and recording facilities)
(top level)
Offices and research labs (Level 2)
Med Plex - Infirmary and surgery (Level 3)
Research Labs (Level 4)
Labs & Storage (Level 5)
Utilities (Level 6)

Center Module

The Bunkhouse (Level 1)
Mrs. Johnson's Kitchen & Mess Hall (Level 2)

Silo #2 with disarmed Titan II missile on display

Engineering Shops (Levels 1 – 4)
Utilities (Level 5)

West Module

Entrance Portal 2
Jet Car egress North, South, East & West
Jet Car Bay (Level 1)
Engineering Shop (Level 2)
Bus Bay
Team Banzai Bus/World Watch 1
Bus egress vertical & horizontal

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Hydrogen Peroxide Jet Car Prototype 1960's Central New Jersey

A member of Team Banzai recently found this item at auction online for \$45,000. The "Jet Car" was listed as being in good looking and running condition. It is a concept vehicle which was powered by hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂).



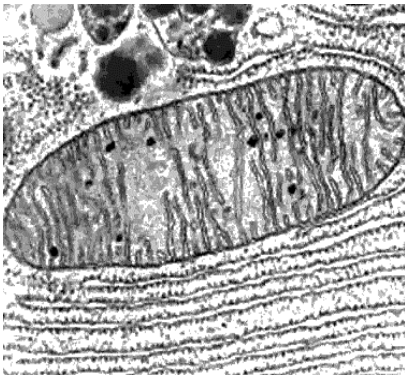
When asked about this vehicle, Perfect Tommy recalled the following: "Back in the 60's & 70's besides fashion, one of my passions was Popular Mechanics magazine and cars. At my first job in the local auto shop I learned

everything I could about cars. I remember back then it was cool, these guys were building hydrogen peroxide rocket dragsters, one guy even built a go-kart with an H₂O₂ engine and drove it to speeds of over 180 mph. This was all very inspiring, the thought of designing my own rocket powered vehicle. So I did drawings, even built models to test my ideas. When I was accepted to a special program at MIT there was time to work on some of my theories with propulsion and suspension systems. Eventually my work convinced Doctor Banzai that his own Jet Car could break the dimensional barrier."

When asked if this technology might ever have a comeback, Perfect Tommy smiled saying, "The peroxide car has everything going for it, eco-friendly and uses a politically safe, dependency-free alternative fuel source that could be recycled from hair salons. It was way before it's time."

Alien Invaders Multiplying In Your Cells!

A mitochondrion is an organelle found in the cells of advanced organisms. Mitochondria are like little "cellular power plants". It's their job to convert organic materials into energy. Cells usually have hundreds or even thousands of mitochondria. This number depends on the cell's level of metabolic activity. More activity means much more mitochondria. Let's put it this way--Lance Armstrong has a heck of a lot more mitochondria in his cells than you do.



Mitochondria contain DNA that is different from that of the host cell and are only formed by the division of other mitochondria. This supports the endosymbiotic theory, which suggests that advanced cells first appeared when one primitive cell was eaten by another but wasn't digested. These two cells are thought to have then entered into a symbiotic relationship. (George Lucas used endosymbiotic

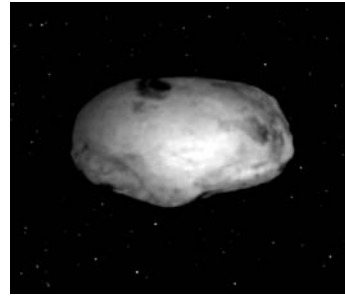
theory and mitochondria as inspiration for his Force generating symbionts called midi-chlorians.)

Studies of mitochondrial DNA show their ancestor was probably related to the modern rickettsias. Rickettsias are the nasty little bug responsible for killers like Typhus and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

So all you wanna be World's Greatest Athletes and Jedi Knights—remember the next time you're washing up with your prissy anti-bacterial soap—something beneficial may be trying to worm its way into your cells and if it doesn't kill you, it just might make you stronger!

Giant Potato Shaped Rock Will Not Hit Earth, This Time...

Scientists at NASA's Near Earth Object Program Office have confirmed that the predicted trajectory of the nearly ¼ mile long asteroid 99942 "Apophis" will pass within 22,600 miles of the Earth's center - just below the altitude of Earth satellites. However, an Earth collision on April 13, 2029 is still ruled out. The asteroid should be easily visible by the naked eye that evening and according to telescope and Doppler observations it looks like a large potato, a spokesman for NASA stated.



First discovered in the summer of 2004 the early data interpretations give the asteroid a 1 in 300 chance of striking the Earth. Later observations brought up the risk level to a grimmer 1 in 60 chance. But by the summer of '05 the risk had been recalculated to a 1 in 5,500 chance.

Official sources state that continued observation of the potato shaped asteroid will continue but the risk of impact is likely not to change. The Banzai Institute's Head of Astral Sciences, BBI Skywatch, commented with great concern, "We are looking at this object and how the 2029 pass will change its trajectory. The possibilities are looking very grim for 2036 when the odds are in favor of an Earth collision. We need to keep our eyes on the skies, sooner or later one of those objects will come down on our heads and cause some real serious changes on Earth. We'll have another opportunity to study this particular asteroid in 2013. I just hope new data will rule out the worse case scenario, otherwise we need a plan to alter its course before it's too late." For the record, in July 2005, when NASA's Deep Impact craft fired a projectile into the Tempel 1 comet, they publicly said it was to study the composition of a comet's interior. BBI Skywatch continued, "Within the scientific community the word is that they had an explosive payload onboard and this was a measured test to see just what might be needed to nudge an object's orbit enough to miss a collision with Earth."

For a related article, see page 10 of this newsletter entitled "Worst Case Scenario."

Learn more about Near Earth Objects at: <http://neo.jpl.nasa.gov/neo/>

Strange Things on the Moon

Many out of the ordinary shapes and so-called structures on the lunar surface have been photographed and studied over the years. Speculations run from the extraordinary, evidence of ancient civilizations, to the ordinary misinterpretations by the gullible.

"Reports to police stations started shortly after 1:15AM on the morning in question," said Officer McFee a spokesman for the police, "They all wanted to



know why there was something strange happening on the surfaces of the moon. We all had a good laugh chalking it up to Full Moon Lunacy until one of our patrol cars radioed in that they too were looking at something odd. Several photos of the moon came to our attention in the next few days which led us to call the Banzai Institute. The guy that answered the phone who called himself "Scooter" said apologetically that they'd been running an experiment that was intended to get emergency messages to large numbers of people during the night if phones and radios were not working."

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THE SEKRIT ORIGINS OF YOYODYNE

By Steve "Rainbow Kitty" Mattsson
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Editor's note: In the docudrama and novelization "The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai across the 8th Dimension" names were changed for the sake of security and privacy. This is also the case with the lair of the Red Lectroids "Yoyodyne Propulsion Systems." The real name of the facility was changed and is only known to a few within Team Banzai. The origin of "Yoyodyne" seems to be uncovered in the following short article as used by the screenwriters and novelist.

The word **Yoyodyne** literally means *frequent abrupt shifts of power* (probably).*

Yoyodyne, the defense contractor and "giant of the aerospace industry" was introduced in Thomas Pynchon's first novel *V* (1961) and was explored more thoroughly in his second novel *The Crying of Lot 49* (1965). Thomas Ruggles Pynchon, Jr. is a reclusive Yank novelist noted for his complex and critically acclaimed writings. *The Crying of Lot 49* is generally regarded as his most accessible novel, but that's only in comparison to his other stuff. Despite its short length, *The Crying of Lot 49* is a challenging read. It is full of introduced and discarded characters, false leads, symbolism, and other intellectual-type stuff. But despite its lofty literary aspirations it also has plenty of lowbrow puns and juvenile humor. (One of the characters in the novel is a DJ named "Mucho" Maas who works at the radio station KCUF.)

According to Pynchon, Yoyodyne was founded by Clayton "Bloody" Chiclitz ("Wanna mouth full o' bloody Chicklets?!") sometime after WWII. Perhaps Chiclitz was an agent or victim of the Red Lectroids who had definitely taken iron-fisted control of the company by the mid-80s. Yoyodyne, as portrayed in *The Crying of Lot 49*, employed a scientist named John Nefastis who built a machine called a Maxell's Demon which he says violates the second law of thermodynamics resulting in perpetual motion. This proves that the Red Lectroids with criminal intent had at least infiltrated the company by 1965.

Also of interest to Buckaroo Banzai fans and conspiracy theorists is the character in *The Crying of Lot 49*, called Dr. Hilarius. He is a Nazi psychiatrist conducting an experiment on the effects of LSD on suburban housewives. Dr. Hilarius can also distort his features into a visage that resembles Fu Manchu, which has profound psychological effects on his patients. Could Dr. Hilarius actually be Fu Manchu (Hanoi Xan)? Or is he merely a Red Monk who has glimpsed his master's true face? The novel does not make this (or even the stuff it is actually about) clear.

With fanboy references to The Shadow, Fu Manchu, Hop Harrigan, Godzilla, Migilla Gorilla, Bugs Bunny, Leon Schlessinger, and Yoyodyne, *The Crying of Lot 49* is required reading of all Hong Kong Cavilers and Blue Blaze Pivot Points. It might even be of interest to a couple of Blue Blaze Irregulars. Thomas Pynchon's *V* and *The Crying of Lot 49* are both available used for under \$5.00 on Amazon.com.

*YO-YO is a toy that is spun down and reeled up by a string or a term meaning frequent abrupt shifts.

DYNE is from a Greek word meaning power, as in the word Dynamic.

NOTE: DYNE is also defined as "a centimeter-gram-second unit of force, equal to the force required to impart an acceleration of one centimeter per second to a mass of one gram." So, some define Yoyodyne as, "the amount of force required to impart an acceleration of one centimeter per second per second to a yo-yo with a mass of one gram (cm/g/sec), but that'd be a pretty darn small yo-yo, you know?

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The editor and author of this article believe they have kept within these exceptions for quoting the novel.

THE YOYODYNE HYMN AND GLEE

From *The Crying of Lot 49*

By Thomas Pynchon

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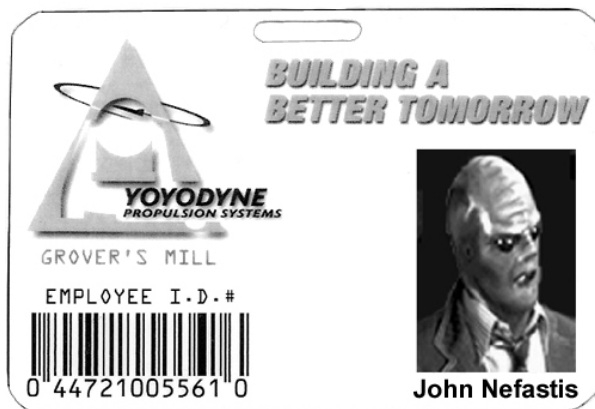
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HYMN (To the tune of Cornell's alma mater)

High above the L.A. freeways,
And the traffic's whine,
Stands the well-known Galactronics
Branch of Yoyodyne.
To the end, we swear undying
Loyalty to you,
Pink pavilions bravely shining,
Palm trees tall and true.

GLEE (To the tune of "Aura Lee")

Bendix guides the warheads in,
Avco builds them nice.
Douglas, North American,
Grumman get their slice.
Martin launches off a pad,
Lockheed from a sub;
We can't get the R&D
On a Piper Cub.
Convair boosts the satellite
Into orbits round;
Boeing builds the Minuteman,
We stay on the ground.
Yoyodyne, Yoyodyne,
Contracts flee thee yet.
DOD has shafted thee,
Out of spite, I'll bet.



Our deepest sympathy for their loss to the family and friends of Vincent Schiavelli, the actor that portrayed one of the main Red Lectroids in the docudrama, John O'Connor.

Vincent Schiavelli, selected in 1997 by Vanity Fair as one of the best character actors in America, made over 120 film and television appearances. He studied acting at NYU's Theatre Program. Aside from his acting career, Vincent was the author of three cookbooks, and has written numerous articles on food for magazines and newspapers. In 2001, he received the James Beard Journalism Award. He died of Lung Cancer on December 26th 2005.

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W.D. Richter Interview: Catching Up and Looking Forward

By Alan "Dragon" Smith

BBI Dragon:

It's exciting to see the script for 'Supersize those Fries' getting a second chance as a graphic novel. Were any other episodes roughed out as stories or actual scripts back when you were developing BB for television?

W.D. Richter:

Mac claimed to have several ideas for new plots, but we never got to explore them for TV. I think he used some in the two new novels he wrote for PocketBooks, neither of which they liked. But they EXIST. And they're good. Someday...

BBI D:

That's right, Mac was working on a series of BB novels called the "Lizardo Quartet." Whatever became of those books?

R:

The first one turned out to be much too intense for the publisher's taste so he wrote a second. It took too long, and they seem to resent that enough to not release it. Typical Buckaroo developments.

BBI D:

What are the possibilities of the novels ever being published?

R:

Simon & Schuster has gotten cold feet about the economic viability of a new BB novel in a publishing climate where so many of their other usually reliable titles are doing poorly now. If they publish neither new BB novel, which is what I suspect will happen, it's not yet clear to me what we own from this fiasco. At least one novel, I'm sure, that we can take to market after all the nonsense is sorted out. So yet another chapter of BB Wait-And-See begins.

BBI D:

Has the nonsense been sorted out? Is it likely to be?

R:

Is it hard to push a piece of string? Simon & Schuster has no motivation to accommodate us by having their lawyers spend time debating the matter with their creative people. Time is money and all that. So we'd have to have lawyers contact them to force the issue. "Okay, Simon & Schuster, you have two novels for the price of one. Pass on one and give it to us by such and such a date or we sue." We'd have to sue, I'm sure. Money, money, money. BB needs a legal defense fund.

BBI D:

That must be a little frustrating. It's like there can't be an economically viable BB 'anything' unless someone takes a leap of faith and does 'something.' Companies keep getting cold feet because they aren't sure enough they'll make a profit or have the clear rights to do a project. That casts Moonstone Books' Buckaroo Banzai project in something of an uncertain light.

R:

At least they've got the nerve to be in the point position.

"I doubt I'd want to disrupt my life for ANY other project."

BBI D:

By now, most of us realize that Hollywood listens to our wallets. Lobbying for more BB through a letter writing campaign doesn't make much sense until there is a better sense of how well the comic books sell. What else can we, as fans, do to promote BB?"

R:

You all supported the DVD. If the Moonstone comic is a success, who knows? It's all about a paying audience. Studios and networks want a return on capital. Makes sense, but playing it safe isn't always the way to get one.

BBI D:

Let's move into some future speculation. What might be the best route to take in developing a new Buckaroo Banzai film? A prequel chronicling Buckaroo Banzai and the Institute's beginnings? A complete remake of the original? A brand new story in the current times? None of the above? What are your thoughts?

R:

Quick response: A brand-new story set in whatever "current times" means in Buckaroo Banzai Land. A remake would seem to say we have no new ideas, and a prequel would be just laboring to set up things that already are in motion.

BBI D:

Interesting perspective. Could you expand on each of these scenarios in a little more detail? A remake: They sure seem to be popular these days. Is the whole remake phenomenon mostly just Hollywood being timid about new ideas, or is there more to it than that?

R:

Hollywood runs on fear of failure. Traveling on an airplane that's already proven it can fly is much more comforting (until it crashes) than test piloting a new contraption. Precious few Chuck Yeagers out there. Of course, the grand irony is that you can only make a sequel if somebody had the nerve to make the original.

BBI D:

A prequel: This idea has stimulated quite a popular discussion among the fans and BBIs over at the Buckaroo Banzai yahoo group. To sum it up, the feeling seems to be that you could use relatively unknown actors in a story set during the very beginning years of the Banzai Institute to bring a new audience to the world of BB.

R:

It seems a prequel's main mission is to explain and justify while it tries to entertain. Boring. It also presumes that the authors actually KNOW or want to know exactly where all their characters came from. Personally, I love the mystery. And when exactly does the prequel start? I can just hear the fan chorus: "WHAT?! They're picking up the story WHEN?!"

BBI D:

A brand new story set in current times, BB Land as it is. Depending on the script and the alignment of the planets, this could be a risky approach by current Hollywood standards.

R:

Every movie is risky. Every one.

BBI D:

Sling-shooting from the '84 docudrama into the present could be challenging.

R:

Every movie SHOULD be challenging.

BBI D:

One of the controversies with the fans and BBI's is the use of the original actors. Availability and interest aside, and I know that's a big "if," some feel that the original actors need to be in the advancement of the BB storyline, at the very least as older, wiser characters in cameos.

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R:
Cameos would suggest that the ACTORS themselves ARE the characters and have aged. Ergo, BB himself has aged. So what do you do? Cast young new Cavaliers and plug in Peter Weller? See? This is nuts. A not-fully-thought-out line of reasoning.

BBI D:
On the other side of the discussion are those who feel that fresh faces playing 20 to 30 something characters would be more appropriate and desirable.

R:
Mac's and my thesis is that these are ONLY actors portraying the real characters. So let's just tell a new story, set it in some unreal present (as was the first), and have fun with the BB world. People get all worked up about truly tangential stuff. The point is that it's exciting and amusing to travel with these characters of Mac's.

BBI D:
So many films these days are using CGI (Computer Generated Imaging) to create environments and characters; often to the exclusion of using equally convincing practical effects. In your opinion, would the next BB film make use of CGI and if so, to what extent?

R:
Certainly, I'd use it. But the fun of BB is its roughness and its live-action. A delicate balance.

BBI D:
How would you approach a TV project involving BB next time? Would you and Mac adopt similar series concepts or go for something totally different?

R:
Impossible to say. I've always wanted it to be a country-western-rock'n'roll-sci-fi variety show with

a serialized BB adventure playing in short segments each week. Maybe it's a reality show!

BBI D:
The Reality Show format is so very popular these days. From what little I've been able to read about the "variety show" format you and Mac proposed as an alternate BB TV concept, it would be a "make believe" reality show. The audience would make the leap of faith that they are a part of the BB world, watching a show set in BB's "reality." The concept isn't typical of the reality show format in that it's not real people as the participants. You'd have to have actors playing, or representing the "real" Team Banzai.

R:
Almost exactly right. But we thought we could also bring on real experts in cool fields who would be guests on the show to share their wisdom.

BBI D:
I see, maybe a variety show with real experts, that part IS just like the usual reality show format, but you add another element to it, actors playing Team Banzai?

R:
I guess, I'm not sure how this could all work. We had no idea how the original movie would work either. We just did it.

BBI D:
Would you want to direct a second film or direct the TV show pilot if that should come up again?

R:
Only if enough creative freedom were offered and the schedule made sense with my personal life.

BBI D:
Would this be your take on any such major project BB or not, enough creative freedom and it would need to fit your personal life schedule?

R:
I doubt I'd want to disrupt my life for ANY other project.

BBI D:
As the rights to BB Land sit right now, do I understand it correctly; that anything NEW Mac and you have written would be in your control to do with as you can.

R:
Not quite. If we could demonstrate that the new stuff grew out of the TV pilot and not the movie, we could own those rights in certain media. I suspect not in feature films, though, because the film rights travel with the original. I think. How do I know? I'm not a lawyer, and there aren't really any contracts for a lawyer to read. I think Begelman ate them.

BBI D:
This means that we might be able to see something new from the Land of Buckaroo Banzai if people like Moonstone Comics are willing to take a risk.

R:
In the comic world, sure. We could roll out new material forever as long as it traced its origins to the Great Potato Adventure, not that other one about The Eighth Dimension.

BBI D:
How do you feel at this moment about the whole ride with the Buckaroo experience and all of its ups and downs?

R:
No glib answer, sorry. I'm just delighted that Mac wrote about Buckaroo Banzai and that I got to direct a film about him and seem to be sucked back into this universe on a regular basis. Hope springs internal!

Worst Case Scenario – The Sky Is Falling By BBI Skywatch

Near Earth asteroid 99942 "Apophis" has a very slight chance of coming in contact with our planet on 04/13/29 and another possible encounter with us in 2036. If this, or a similar sized object were to hit the Earth, what could happen?

The Banzai Institute has developed software for predicting such events. Based on all the current information we have on "Apophis" this is how the scenario would play out.

The impact crater diameter would be about 4 miles with a depth 1/3rd mile, and the fireball generated would have a radius of 3 1/3 miles. If you were standing 40 miles from the impact center, the effects of thermal radiation would ignite clothing, trees, plywood and cause much of the body to suffer third degree burns. What wasn't shook down by the 7.1 earthquake it would cause, or caught on fire from the heat, would be slammed with high winds of around 190 mph.

Multistory buildings will collapse, wood frame buildings will almost completely collapse and up to 90 percent of trees blown down.
At 70 miles out from ground zero, the winds would be 80mph and the thermal radiation would cause first degree burns on unprotected flesh.

What would happen if such an asteroid hit a populated area?
With 71% of our planet covered with water, it's more likely to cause tsunami waves, but that's a whole different computer model and there are a lot of differences in asteroid/tsunami predictions between researchers.

The Banzai Institute's land impact prediction software is not available online but a reasonable facsimile is at: www.lpl.arizona.edu/impac effects
Also check out: <http://spacewatch.lpl.arizona.edu/index.html>



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Ancient Secrets

Ancient Battle To The Death! (But Is It Yours Or Mayan?)

The Hong Kong Caviler's song "Your Place or Mayan?" (and world tour) was inspired by their geological expedition to Yucatan to study Chicxulub, the impact crater, caused by the meteorite dubbed "Dinobane" by Flyboy.

Deep in the steaming jungle, the Cavers were ambushed by nine of Hanoi Xan's bravos, two Red Monks, and the diseased Mexican wrestler called "Wetmask Jr." As the foes grappled they were all taken captive by escaped Nazi war criminal Kurzfuhrer Wolfgang Von Op* and a previously undiscovered tribe of Amazons.



The pok-a-tok court's stone hoops were thought to be portals to another dimension.

Von Op, believing he is the Mayan God Kukulcan, salivated at the spectacle of the Cavers and the Bravos fighting to the death. However he did not feel the battle's unstructured nature properly honored him. So, Von Op and his Amazons marched their captives to the pok-a-tok court at Chichen Itza. Pok-a-tok is a cross between basketball, soccer, and gladiatorial combat played to the death by the ancient Mayans. The object is to bounce a solid rubber ball through stone hoops without the use of hands or feet.

As the brutal game reached a crescendo, The Swede reminded everyone that it remains an ancient secret as to just which team was sacrificed to the gods at the end of the match. The modern mind has decided that the losers were beheaded, but others feel that only the blood of the victors is fit for the gods.

While this detail was being ironed out, Perfect Tommy was able to seduce a beautiful Amazon.

This led to the song's catchy chorus, as well as the death of Von Op, and the origin of the second best tag-team in Mexican wrestling history—"Wetmask Jr. and the Amazons".

*Some felt that because Von Op's war crimes were committed while he was a ten year old member of the Hitler Youth he was not responsible for his actions. Others felt that his more recent and hideous crimes render the discussion of punishment for his war crimes academic.

For more information on Chicxulub visit:

www.lpl.arizona.edu/SIC/impact_cratering/Chicxulub/Chicx_title.html

For more information on pok-a-tok visit:

www.lost-civilizations.net/data/mayan-astronomy/mayan_20ball_20game.html

For more information on Mexican wrestlers visit:

http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2005/09/0919_050919_luc_halibre.html

The end of the Mayan calendar is at 11:11 AM on December 21st 2012, the winter solstice. According to ancient lore, our age is about to reach a conclusion and another begins.

New Mysteries

The Legendary El Chupacabra Crypto-researcher Richard "Mickey Maus" Gregg

The Chupacabra, Spanish for "goat sucker" first raised its head in the jungles of Puerto Rico back in 1994 when local farmers began to report the deaths of chickens and goats. The creature is known to drain its victims of their blood (like a vampire) or in some cases, vital organs are half eaten through a small hole in the neck.

Many local islanders have spied the creature in question and described it as being 4' 6" tall with a spiked back, short front legs and large kangaroo like back legs. The creature's face was described as having piercing red eyes, a flat nose, sharp teeth and a long hollow tongue. Others describe the creature to look like a strange mix between a coyote, dog and deer and are grey in color.



Soon after the animal deaths in Puerto Rico, other sightings were reported in the Dominican Republic, across Central and South America, the United States and, most notably, Mexico. Both in Puerto Rico and Mexico, El Chupacabras have gained a unique urban legend as well as mocked status. Is it a pet for a space alien? A government genetic experiment or some unclassified animal?

The Institute's stance on the creature is inconclusive so a crypto-zoological department with an office in the South Texas area has been set up for further study of El Chupacabra and other unexplained animals.

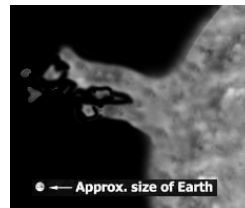
To learn more about El Chupacabra visit this website:

www.elchupacabra.com

For more general information on Cryptozoology: www.cryptomundo.com

Solar Flares - Death from the Sun and Portals to the Realm of the Dead?

It is believed that the matrix of the human soul can pass from its dimension into ours causing the appearance of ghosts and other related phenomenon. Among the world's ghost hunters there is a formula that indicates the most optimum times to do research. These investigators watch the Sun for strange solar flares which create magnetic shifts in the Earth causing the division between the realm of the dead and the living to become thin. Could such a solar event be responsible for the Red Lectroids escaping the 8th Dimension back in 1939?



Solar flares are caused by explosions on the Sun usually over sunspots. Flares produce magnetic fields of radiation that are ejected into space. Severe flares can cause radio and telecommunication blackouts, even damage orbital satellites, an overloading of power grids and expose airplane passengers to heavy doses of X-rays near the Earth's poles. Astronauts are at great risk unless provided with some type of shielding.

There are those that believe that long term effects of a heavy solar flare could cause unusual weather and increase the risk of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

If a strong solar flare or series of them were to bombard the Earth we could see catastrophic events, destruction and loss of life. Those who depart this life to the Sun's radiation, as the ghost hunters' formula indicates, may be walking among us as the veil between dimensions is striped away.

Explore space phenomenon including asteroids and solar flares at: www.spaceweather.com

Watch solar activity at: www.sec.noaa.gov

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Be Prepared – Are You Ready?

"Sound character provides the power with which a person may ride the emergencies of life instead of being overwhelmed by them."
Og Mandino - 1923 - 1996, a U.S. pilot during WW II, magazine editor, author and motivational speaker.

In these times of extreme weather, unsure politics and the potential for manmade & natural disasters, the Banzai Institute asks that every member of Team Banzai be prepared to help themselves, their families and community if a disaster does occur. The first step is to have some basics at the ready. Keep this pack handy in your car's trunk or near an exit of your home.

72 Hour Emergency Pack

Most items should be in ziplock plastic bags, large and small.

Backpack – Big enough to carry the rest of this list comfortably.

Water* – The heaviest item needs to be realistic to carry. 1 liter (2 lbs) for cool weather, more for hot.

Food – "Energy" bars, hard candy, anything that is high in protein and calories. Chili, tuna, jerky, nuts, dried fruit. Look for foil and carton containers that are light weight packaging and easy to open. Cans are heavier and require an opener.

Eating utensils – At least a fork and knife

First Aid Kit – Bought or supplies gathered yourself in a container

Radio AM/FM with extra batteries

Rain gear – A cheap poncho to a modest rain suit

Clothing – Wool (winter) or cotton (summer) blend socks, hat, gloves, jacket, walking shoes. Think about what you might need for a few days.

Toilet Paper – One roll

Map of your area (city) and State

Photo(s) of loved ones/family – If separated these might help in finding them

Milar Blanket – aka "survival blanket", compact & lightweight

Flashlight with extra batteries

Dust Mask with charcoal is recommended

Phone number list – Friends and family phone numbers

Hand sanitizer

Cash – Change and small bills

Plastic bags for carrying extras &/or for your garbage

Fire starters, waterproof matches, a lighter

Sheet of plastic or small tarp – For sitting on &/or shelter

Important personal medications – A small supply

Personal protection like mace/pepper spray or taser if legal in your area

Notebook & permanent pen – Sharpie

Other options include: jogger/bike flasher, insect repellent, sunscreen, a change of socks, sewing kit, safety pins, duct tape, light-sticks, whistle w/lanyard, water purification tablets, vinyl gloves, tissue pack and feminine hygiene products. If you have pets, food, water & medications for them as well and some way of keeping them with you either a carrier or leash.

Other items to consider include:

Camping equipment, shovel & useful tools, extra clothing suited for the weather, liquid bleach for purifying water & sanitation, blankets, manual can opener, fire extinguisher, extra batteries, extra food.

You should plan in advance what you will do in an emergency. Include where to meet with family and evacuation routes with designated stopping points. Use your phone list to call out of state family. Listen to official announcements on the radio. <http://www.fema.gov/library/prepandprev.shtm>

*Extra water. FEMA recommends 2 quarts per person per day for drinking, double in hot weather. Another 1 gallon per person per day for food prep and hygiene. Used rinsed 2 liter soda bottles work well.

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Bumper Sticker: Unfortunately because of circumstances not quite everyone that receives this paper newsletter could get one in this issue. The editor sends his apologies and hopes that the Chicago Office was able to supply the bumper sticker to these people.

Wrist Band: These were produced at the editor's own expense and only 500 were made. Some might be sent to DragonCon '06 if there is another Team Banzai fan table there. If you need an extra for a friend or family that is a member in good standing with Team Banzai just email us and we'll see what we can do about getting you what you need. blublazdragon@aol.com

All "Teasers" you find below can be found as full articles online at:
www.geocities.com/bbidragon/worldwatchone

Biscuits & Fermented Milk – Team Banzai Style - *Barley Biscuits and Karakoumiss are a staple at the Banzai Institute. The origin of Karakoumiss goes back centuries...*

The Missing Wallpaper – *The only known samples of the wallpaper Perfect Tommy had placed up in the Banzai Institute West.*

Ku-Look at Planet Ten - With John Bad Bawi – Adder

The Low Fat Diet Conspiracy -By Reno interviewing BBI Flint O'Hay

Many more features and ongoing updates.

"Be careful of half-truths – you might have the wrong half."
Reno of Memphis (formerly Reno Nevada)

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Banzai Institute Mail Order

Many of the inventions and innovations that have come out of the Banzai Institute are mainstream items the public is familiar with. These include cellular technology, the drug Interferon, even kevlar. The Banzai Institute endorses or has license agreements for many products with all proceeds going back into the R&D department and charity efforts. Here is but a small representation of the wide spectrum of items available through Banzai Institute Mail Order.

The K9 GoPhone



Men's Best Friend can now participate in covert operations and stay in communication with their field team members. These miniature devices have all the options of the human equivalents including such features as two-way communication, data transfer, GPS

positioning, bark activation commands and digital imaging. ID and license tag metal loop built in and can accommodate matching leash for undercover work. Operation requires standard batteries. Available to Team Banzai members only. \$69.95 plus S&H.

Team Banzai Plastic Model Kits



One of our most popular items for all ages of Blue Blaze Irregulars. These kits are all approved by the Banzai Institute for distribution through model makers Monogram and Revell and come in 1:25 scale with full detailing,

decals and instructions for painting and assembly. Masado Banzai's '54 "Jetcar", B. Banzai's '82-'83 Ford F-350 Jet Car, several from Perfect Tommy's personal collection including the "Bullitt" '68 Mustang Fastback and the '69 Shelby GT 500. There is Reno's '64 Chevy Impala "Lowrider", and of course The Hong Kong Cavalier's Neoplan Skyliner "Tour Bus." All cars are \$8.88 plus S/H, The Bus is \$13.88. Call for availability.

Concert Tour Apparel – Wear it Proudly



Shown: "Your Place Or Mayan?" and "Saddle Up and Get Down" Tour Tees

From Tee-shirts and hoodys to caps & boxers, even bandanas and socks.

If you went to their concerts or not, these are a must-have for every fan of the band. Most items come in a selection of sizes from lady's extra

small to men's 5XL. Every tour the guys have been on, from the early 80's to present, is available. Even the solo tour "Perfect Tommy: In an Imperfect World". Tour socks & bandanas \$5; caps & boxers \$14; Tee-shirts start at \$18; hoodys start at \$28; plus S/H.

R.P.M. Beverage Container (Regulated Power Mug)



The R.P.M. beverage cup was invented because "someone" was sick and tired of reheating their tea.

This special mug has a solar cell panel on the back that powers a thermo coil in the bottom.

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"Keep your mug in the sun and it will always be hot".



Roadside Grill Jerky



A favorite around the Arizona Institute and a Southwest tradition is now available in 16 ounce packages. Perfect for any and all outdoor activities, this tasty jerky treat contains no MSG, is high in various protein sources, nutritious, low carb and is light weight for packing around where ever you go. Comes in three flavors: Regular, Spicy or Texas Barbeque. \$11.95 included S/H.

"A Hit When You're Feelin' Rundown."

STALKER – Stealth Tracker And Locator Kit for Emergency Recovery

The Banzai Institute has miniaturized GPS transmitters and offers them in a kit. The device can be placed inside the sole of a shoe, or a small slit in a seam of clothing. The transmitter is powered by body movement based on pedometer technology. Made of a patented resin it is unbreakable and shielded from EMP. The kit contains GPS, a boring & cutting tool and full instillation instructions. Applications include children, Alzheimer's patients, pets, loved ones, cheating spouses or anyone you want to track. Offered at cost, \$24.85 including S/H. Monthly monitoring service is \$8.

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